## **Harbourfront Commission**

For discussion On 8 May 2017 HC/04/2017

# Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

#### REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from December 2016 to April 2017.

# MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twenty Sixth Meeting – 14 February 2017

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

#### (a) Proposed Comprehensive Residential Development at Tung Yuen Street, Yau Tong, Kowloon

- The private proponent briefed Members on their section 16 planning application to seek Town Planning Board's approval for the master layout plan of the comprehensive residential development including waterfront promenade at the "Comprehensive Development Area (CDA) (3)" site in the Yau Tong Industrial Area (YTIA).
- Members opined that more information on the design of the waterfront promenade and public open space such as materials to be used, the pavement design and the portion that would be available or public use should be provided for Members' information and comments. The landscape design of the promenade and the nearby streetscape should be more attractive and the overall design should be consistent with other CDA sites in YTIA. More space could be provided for public enjoyment while public landing other facilities as well as water-land infrastructure could be provided along the seawall. The Task Force did not support the application as the issues raised were not fully addressed by the proponent at the meeting.

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# (b) The Development of Hong Kong Palace Museum in the West Kowloon Cultural District

- The West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority consulted the Task Force on the preliminary design and operation of the Hong Kong Palace Museum (HKPM), which was proposed to be located at the western end of WKCD.
- Members opined that WKCD should contain a diversity of themes that could include both historical and contemporary elements while respecting the waterfront setting. They in general had no objection to the development of HKPM. Some agreed that the currently proposed location was appropriate as it had taken into account the context of the overall distribution of space in WKCD and able to blend in well with the surrounding environment. Some opined that other alternatives should be proposed for deliberation and the general public should be engaged on the proposal including the location and other fine details.
- Members raised some other suggestions such as to develop a comprehensive pedestrian network for WKCD with HKPM as one of the key stops; the design of HKPM should be iconic to feature its character while in harmony with nearby developments; more space should be provided in HKPM for public enjoyment free of charge; and more areas could be reserved for local/international collection. The WKCD Authority was invited to brief the Task Force on the holistic planning for pedestrian connectivity in WKCD and the detailed design for HKPM when available.

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